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Oct 15th 1883

Thomas G. Clemons Esq.

A.
C. 626.

My dear sir. Your very interesting ^{letter} came to hand, and was read carefully through. You have had quite an eventful life indeed, enough has transpired for two lives of most men. Am sorry to hear it gives you so much pain & trouble to write, but I cannot refrain from saying your letters are so entertaining and might say historical in regard to the family, that I am eager to know more, or all I can.

Am much pleased to know so much of your past life, so full of ambition and independence and pleasant to look back upon, the past we cannot remedy or change, but looking to the future can be made bright. You should try your best to think of the past as favorably as possible, not to worry over it, although it may be difficult for you to do, still let your old days be as easy as you can make them.

The past is gone forever, improve the few remaining years of your life as best you can. Your sister Elizabeth has been staying with "Baker" & at West Chester, she is not in very good health, but as Baker has married rich most of the family except the Norths are living off of him which is right I think. The money left in trust to Baker & for the three sisters he has had put in his own name

and has been living off of it so that there is nothing left of the Trust. Even the lot in Laurel Hill cemetery he has put in his own name keeping us out, so that we had to purchase another lot to move our brother's bones.

The Norths don't look at him, but when he dies we may go for his property. Do you know of anyone who could give us any idea of what the Trust consisted of, he won't tell us & we have not been able to find out. We are entirely in the dark and consequently will be robbed of the little that there was in his Trust. If there ever was a man deserved a hot place after death he does & I guess he will get it. The world is large enough for both of us to live in, I make the best of it, & don't go near him we can do without his Trust funds, would not have them if we had to steal them, or rob ~~any~~ others for so small an amount. In a few years the Coleman family will be extinct except a son of young Tans who is about 12 years old. My Mother having the largest family of boys. I believe your daughter Floride left a child is it living or not. Are any of the Colhouns living. Trusting you may be easier & in better health this beautiful fall. Yours very respectfully
How much of a trip is it to your place. I borth
from Charleston S.C.